



# SWEITZER IN A WALK

## SWEITZER WINS

**Democratic Candidate Will Carry the City Tuesday by 125,000 Plurality Chairman Stuckart Predicts.**

**Party United and Hopeful Looks Forward to the Greatest Victory in Its Whole Career.**

**General Gossip from Municipal, County, State, Sanitary and Other Political Fields of Public Interest Up to Date.**

Henry Stuckart, Chairman of the Sweitzer Campaign Committee, predicts a plurality of 125,000 for Sweitzer. He reports the conditions perfect for a great victory. The Democratic party is united and the canvass has been a thorough and enthusiastic one from start to finish. It will be the biggest victory in the history of the Chicago Democracy.

"Sweitzer by a plurality of 110,000 in the election next Tuesday."

This is the latest forecast given out by Frank S. Ryan, chairman of the Robert M. Sweitzer democratic organization committee. In the primary contest Mr. Ryan fixed the Sweitzer plurality at 90,000, and it reached more than 79,000 when the official canvass was made.

This wave of Sweitzer enthusiasm came with the big demonstration in Arcadia hall in the republican 25th ward Tuesday night, which was likened to the Roosevelt demonstration there in the 1912 canvass. Chairman Ryan predicted there would be 15,000 votes for Sweitzer in this republican stronghold, and upon this and the canvass the Sweitzer men have made the banks upon a plurality of 110,000.

An overflow meeting was held in the street, while 10,000 were packed in the hall. It is estimated that 2,000 heard Sweitzer talks on the outside. In the Bismarck garden, a mile away, there were 1,000 more whooping it up for Sweitzer.

Gov. Dunne and Senator James Hamilton Lewis spoke for Mr. Sweitzer, completing the harmony pact in the democracy. Senator Lewis was at his best, and received bursts of applause as he reached his climaxes. Gov. Dunne, as well as the senator, gave unqualified indorsement to Mr. Sweitzer.

"The canvass which has just been completed," said Chairman Ryan, "was made in the same manner and with the same care that marked the one which enabled me to fix the plurality with which Mr. Sweitzer would be nominated with such accuracy. Every precinct has not only been canvassed, but recanvassed. Twenty-nine of the thirty-five wards in Chicago will be carried for Mr. Sweitzer by substantial pluralities. Six would give small pluralities to William Hale Thompson, if the election were held tomorrow, but the chances are that some of them will be brought into the Sweitzer column by the work that is to be done before Tuesday. Robert M. Sweitzer's plurality will not be less than 110,000."

Robert M. Sweitzer, democratic candidate for mayor, told audiences that he would drive the crooks from Chicago if elected mayor next Tuesday. The Cort theater in Dearborn street, and the Princess theater in Clark street were crowded with enthusiasts and many were unable to get inside the playhouses.

"No one has a right to live in Chicago whose means of living is not known," said Mr. Sweitzer in his speech. "What I propose is that the man without a vocation, who cannot account for himself, who cannot show a means of livelihood, shall be located; that all of his class shall be checked up and accounted for, and that if he does not, in a reasonable time show a disposition to work, he will be firmly and urgently invited to

get outside the city limits and stay out."

"Do you believe the crooks will stay here if their homes are known, if their haunts are located, if an officer of the law knows the history of each? I do not. I believe that if they realize that the arm of the law is both long and strong, and that the eyes of the law are watchful, they will try to keep beyond its reach. And I propose to make each policeman responsible for the crooks within his jurisdiction. It will be put up to the individual officer to make himself respected upon his own beat, and the individual officer will have to answer if he is not respected, if he does not give protection to the law abiding, instead of 'protection' to the law breaker."

The candidate declared it would be his endeavor to "make Chicago's police force Chicago's pride."

Railroad men representing 63,000 men and ninety-eight railroads, engaged in the arbitration of an argument for wage increases amounting to \$41,000,000, stated their contentions before the arbitration board in the federal building.

W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, declared that much more money would be available for wage increases to employees were it not for "frenzied financing" by the companies.

J. M. Sheehan, attorney for the railroads, contended that millions of dollars have been expended in improvements and labor-saving devices.

Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said that while the productive efficiency of the employees had increased their earning capacity had declined.

"A review of the history of western railroads," said Mr. Carter, "discloses the fact that while their revenues have increased enormously, these revenues have been absorbed by fictitious capitalization or dissipated by improper or misguided financial management."

"There have been developments in railroad history," said Mr. Stone, "that have increased the responsibility and labors of the firemen and engineers; that have increased their productive efficiency, and that have caused to decline, even at the slightly increased rate of payment they have received, their earning capacity."

Governor Dunne has issued a proclamation calling a special election for June 7 for judges of the Superior court of Cook county, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Thomas C. Clark. June 7 is the day of the regular election of Circuit and Supreme court judges.

John V. Farwell, head of the wholesale dry goods house of the John V. Farwell Company, has written a letter indorsing Mr. Sweitzer, who was with the Farwell firm for many years. A letter was written by Mr. Farwell, who is out of town, to R. M. Hitchcock of Marshall Field & Co., who asked Mr. Farwell for an expression relative to the fitness of Mr. Sweitzer as a mayoralty candidate.

"In response to your request it gives me great pleasure to state that Mr. Sweitzer was with us for about

fifteen years, first as an assistant and then as a general salesman for a large territory," says the letter. "During that time he was always honest, energetic and tactful."

"He left our force much to our regret, to become a candidate for county clerk."

"I have entertained for him very great respect on account of his record

ness in judgment as to matters coming to him for decision."

The Helmet Club, composed of a large number of the members of the Fire Department is fighting the two-platoon proposition, on the ground that it would "unionize" the Fire Department, and might create some awkward situations if there was a fire in a building under construction by strike breakers.

County Treasurer Henry Stuckart is much pleased with the good work of the new sub-stations created by him for the convenience of taxpayers. He pronounces them a great success.

About the biggest piece of "bull con" ever passed by the City Council went through last Monday night with a flourish about "great reduction in taxicab rates." The reduction is very small. The new ordinance cuts the charge for the first half mile from 50 to 40 cents. It also lowers from 20 to 15 cents the charge for each extra passenger. Hourly rates are reduced from \$4 to \$3.50 and from \$3 to \$2.50. All motor vehicles for public hire, except sight-seeing cars and buses, must be equipped with taximeters.

The Chicago Board of Education bill to increase the school tax from \$1.05 to \$1.20 has gone to second reading in the Legislature.

The Chicago Bar Association's emergency bill increasing from fourteen to twenty the number of Circuit Court judges in Cook County was passed by the senate. It was passed by the house last week.

A prediction was made by Henry Stuckart, campaign manager for Rob-

# SWEITZER PLANS

**The Next Mayor Announces a Number of Reforms He Will Put Into Effect When Elected.**

**General Political Gossip About the Mayoralty and the Other Places to be Filled Next Tuesday.**

**Latest Items of Interest from All the Camps About Candidates and Their Prospects in the Coming Election.**

Robert M. Sweitzer, Democratic candidate for mayor, outlines his plans, when elected, as follows:

"I will take up the entire local transportation question at the beginning of my term."

"I will exhaust every power of existing ordinances to force good service from the transportation companies."

"I will get new ordinances for en-

force department and keep the police out of politics."

"I will give the police force a chance to do the legitimate police work it is paid for doing, and policemen unwilling to do legitimate police work faithfully will quickly give way to willing ones."

"I will drive the professional crooks and criminals out of Chicago and rid our citizens—men, women and children—of their ever-present fear of the burglar, the pickpocket and the hold-up man."

"I will place the best men and women I can find at the head of the various departments of the city government, and while holding them individually responsible for results in their respective fields, I shall not try to shirk final responsibility."

"I will see to it that public improvements are promptly pushed to completion, to give employment to thousands, and without lagging to meet some political contingency or to suit the convenience of some contractor."

"I will give all the support that a mayor can to the development of public playgrounds, small parks, bathing beaches, and every other legitimate means of providing wholesome recreation for the youth of our city."

"I will give every faithful city employee full opportunity to discharge his duty as a public servant, unhampered by political interference and unoppressed by political assessments or ticket peddling tasks."

"I will choose for the board of education the best men and women I can find for carrying out the one purpose of making the public school system serve, in the highest possible degree, the educational needs of the city's children."

"I will give the best that is in me to promoting for all citizens of Chicago the fullest measure of individual liberty, of personal freedom, that any one can utilize without offense and injury to his neighbor."

Mr. Sweitzer said in conclusion that his inauguration in office would find him unhampered by promise or pledge beyond those given in this platform to the voters of Chicago.

Members of the council finance committee want their salaries divided into equal parts for the semi-monthly pay days. They made a recommendation to that effect in the hope that the comptroller will discontinue the present plan of paying for exactly the number of working days between pay days, dividing the annual salary into 365ths. February was a short month and the pay checks were short. The amount is the same at the end of the year, but for Mayor Harrison and several other officials who will retire this month the plan recommended by the finance committee means they will be paid for several days to which they are not entitled. Their successors will lose equal amounts.

The Appellate court has upheld the action of the state civil service commission in removing employees of the so-called "Midnight Club" from positions in the state food commission's office.

Albert E. Erickson, who was chief clerk, and William H. Durant, who was an inspector, alleged to have been appointed to their positions the night of June 30, 1911, immediately

before or after the civil service law took effect, appealed from the lower court where their petition for reinstatement had been dismissed on the ground that they had not shown that they had accepted or qualified before July 1, 1911, for the positions to which they were appointed at the midnight session.

The higher court held that these eleventh hour appointees were not legally entitled to the protection of the so-called blanket clause, which provided that all persons holding offices when the law took effect should be included in the classified service.

Attorneys for Robert M. Sweitzer and William Hale Thompson appeared before the election commissioners and asked that nearly 1,000 suspect notices be issued.

The Sweitzer representatives asked that 200 notices be issued for voters in the Second Ward. Seven hundred and fifty notices were asked by the Thompson men for voters in the First and Eighteenth wards.

It was decided to have board canvassers go with the Sweitzer and Thompson canvassers before issuing the notices. The attorneys agreed to this. It was claimed that by having a canvass made by the board's representatives a check would show that there will not be any need of issuing the number of notices asked for.

A rumor was current that some of State's Attorney Hoyne's employees were "boosting" Thompson in the First Ward. Mr. Hoyne denied this by telephone to the board.

The elections committee of the State Senate has submitted its bill covering expenses of the two Cook County Senatorial contests. Outside of attorneys' fees, the items foot up in the neighborhood of \$23,000. This total includes about \$7,000 compensation for thirty-seven employees of the two senate sub-committees, about \$4,000 expenses at the rate of \$10 a day for each of the senators on the committees, \$3,500 for stenographic work, \$2,200 for expenses for P. G. Baldwin, successful republican contestant in the Englewood district, \$1,000 expenses for Henry W. Austin, successful republican contestant in the Oak Park district, and expense bills of similar proportions for the two unsuccessful democratic contestants.

From \$1,500 to \$2,000 is asked as attorney's fees for each of the four contestants in the two districts.

Governor Dunne signed certificates of election for Senators Baldwin and Austin.

In the Illinois Legislature the Haldaday bill giving women the right to vote on all questions and propositions not mentioned in the constitution was sent to third reading.

A tentative schedule of hearings on the home rule and 2½-cent fare bills have been arranged by Representative McCormick, chairman of the house committee on public utilities and transportation. Representatives of the steam railroads were heard on the home rule bills on Wednesday. They will come to Springfield in behalf of the 2½-cent fare bill on April 14.

The only judges who favor a non-partisan judicial ticket are the judges who are afraid of the people.



JOHN P. HOPKINS.  
The Best Mayor Chicago Ever Had, Who Has Been Making a Hard Fight for Sweitzer.

with us and in public affairs.

"If he should be elected mayor I have every reason to believe that he will continue his work along the same lines for a business administration, the enforcement of the law, a city clean both physically and morally and will have independence and careful-

ert M. Sweitzer, that in some wards the majority of the republican precinct committeemen will be found wearing Sweitzer badges on election day. He declared that he is receiving scores of letters from republicans offering their services as speakers and workers for Sweitzer.

forcing the public's rights to good transportation if the present ones are inadequate.

"I will present to the people of this city a concrete conclusion, a constructive program, upon which to base their action upon subways."